COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Wednesday, the *23rd of February 1927.* / *11th of Kumbham 1102.*

The Council assembled in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on Wednesday, the 11th of Kumbham 1102, corresponding to the 23rd of February 1927, the Diwan presiding. Messrs. E. Ikkanda Wariar, Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli, A. Sankara Puduval, A. K. Thoma and H. J. Walmesly were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The reduction of pay of the Heads of Departments.

278. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any proposal to reduce the pay of the Heads of Departments on the ground of top-heavy administration, at least in the case of new incumbents, during the Diwanship of Mr. P. Narayana Menon;

(b) if so, was any action taken in pursuance thereof;

(c) whether such a course is not desirable at least in future, and consider the case of low paid subordinates instead?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is necessary.

(c) The Special Finance Committee is paying attention to the matter.

The Anchal Department.

279. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(i) whether the jurisdiction of a Postal Inspector in the Madras Presidency is not much bigger than that of the Anchal Department in Cochin;

(ii) whether, in 1099 M. E., the inspection work (of the Inspector) was not done by a solitary hand satisfactorily, instead of two, before and after;

(iii) whether, in the interests of efficiency and retrenchment, it will not be advisable to have the Inspector, if necessary, with enhanced powers and an attender, especially, when the

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